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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1395

Introduced by Assembly Member Nunez

February 22, 2005

An act relating to international relations.

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AB 1395, as amended, Nunez. California–Mexico relations.

Existing law generally provides for programs administered by various state agencies regarding issues of concern between California and Mexico.

This bill would require the *Secretary of Environmental Protection and the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, in consultation with all appropriate state entities, by July 1, 2006, to develop a comprehensive, multimedia strategic plan; to coordinate an interagency California–Mexico Relations Ten Year Plan—to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature no later than July 1, 2006; and to make recommendations on an appropriate governance structure.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares as
- 2 follows:
- 3 (1) The California Research Bureau recently identified in its
- 4 “Inventory of Mexico Related Projects Conducted by California
- 5 State Agencies,” more than 100 programs, initiatives, projects,

1 and partnerships that exist ~~at the state level, and are operated by~~
2 ~~11 departments and agencies and eight boards and commissions.~~
3 *within state government and are administered by 12 departments*
4 *and agencies, eight boards and commissions, and various*
5 *campuses of the University of California, the California State*
6 *University, and the California Community Colleges.*

7 (2) Programs generally fall into the areas of trade,
8 immigration, ~~environmental protection~~ *environment*, energy,
9 transportation, health, ~~and homeland security~~ *homeland security*,
10 agriculture, education, and tourism.

11 (3) The Office of California-Mexico Affairs, previously
12 housed within the former Technology, Trade, and Commerce
13 Agency *no longer exists, therefore it*, is not active in
14 coordinating these programs. ~~There~~

15 (4) *The State Water Resources Control Board directs the*
16 *state's border environmental efforts through its Border*
17 *Environmental Program. The program is a collaborative effort*
18 *that includes the California Environmental Protection Agency,*
19 *other state agencies, the State of Baja, California, and tribal*
20 *nations located along the border region. All California*
21 *Environmental Protection Agency boards, departments, and*
22 *officers actively participate in the program to ensure that*
23 *environmental issues are addressed on a multimedia basis.*

24 (5) *There is a need to develop a state government structure*
25 *that will provide effective coordination of various state agency*
26 *efforts, as well as a thoughtful and collaborative assessment of*
27 *current and future program development that will serve the needs*
28 *of both California and Mexico in the 21st century.*

29 ~~(b) In order to meet these needs, the Secretary of Business,~~
30 ~~Transportation and Housing shall coordinate an interagency~~
31 ~~California-Mexico Relations Ten Year Plan to be submitted to~~
32 ~~the Governor and the Legislature no later than July 1, 2006.~~

33 *(b) In order to meet these needs, the Secretary of*
34 *Environmental Protection and the Secretary of Business,*
35 *Transportation and Housing, in consultation with all appropriate*
36 *state entities, shall, by July 1, 2006:*

37 *(1) Develop a comprehensive, multimedia strategic plan.*

38 *(2) Coordinate an interagency California-Mexico Relations*
39 *Ten Year Plan.*

- 1 (3) *Make recommendations on an appropriate governance*
- 2 *structure to ensure the state's efforts are coordinated.*

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